



## **MINUTES**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD**

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

7447 E. Indian School Road

Scottsdale, Arizona

Wednesday, March 17, 2004

5:15 p.m.

#### **1) Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was called to order at 5:25 pm. by Dan Basinger, Board Chair. The presence of a quorum was noted.

#### **2) Roll Call and Approval of 2/18/04 & 3/2/04 meeting minutes**

Members Present: Dan Basinger, Chair  
Don Manthe, Vice Chair  
Michele Cohen  
Randy Nussbaum  
Jay Spector

Members Absent: Ron Hand  
Brian Munson

City Staff Present: Larry Person  
Dave Mansfield  
Chuck Skidmore  
John Courtney

On motion made by Vice Chair Manthe and seconded by Board Member Spector, the minutes from the 2/18/04 & 3/2/04 meeting were tabled until the April meeting.

#### **3) Old Business**

- EnviroKidsFest '04 & Sol Fest updates.

Mr. Person stated that the four sponsors for EnviroKidsFest were The Neighborhood Enhancement Commission, APS, SRP and ADEQ, with contributions of \$5,000 each. He added that APS would be sponsoring the City of Scottsdale Pavilion area, which will feature interactive booths providing information about city resources and plans. Mr. Person noted that the city would be following the Governor's guidelines with respect to integrated pest management for the event, and clarified that information regarding the environment at West World such as type of vegetation, pesticides, and last application would be compiled. He stated that the information would be sent to the schools in advance of the event in order to ensure a safe environment for the 3000 students who will be in attendance.

Mr. Person went on to describe the format for the mural painting. He stated that APS would pay for all materials and was, in addition, providing 3000 paint smocks for the children. The smocks will be given to the schools after the event. Mr. Person noted that ADEQ would exhibit the completed murals and posters throughout the state for nine months following the event. Mr. Person advised the Board that the Governor has declared EnviroKidsFest an official Earth Day event, and that the city is anticipating 3000 students, with the cut off number being 3400. He added that volunteers are needed and to contact Mary Grace Hime, the volunteer coordinator.

Mr. Person explained that the format for the student participation has changed in that they will be given a choice of attending two of three activities:

1. Water Conservation
2. Wildlife Preservation
3. Solar and Renewable Energy

He concluded by noting that participation is statewide and that the city is looking for sponsors to help underwrite expenses to provide a healthy lunch to the students.

Chair Basinger noted that the interface with other Boards and Commissions regarding the events was going well. Board Member Cohen stated that the Historic Preservation Commission was receptive and also expressed interest in the Indicators Report. She noted that they had asked if there was comparison information from other cities. Vice Chair Manthe commented on his presentation to

the Planning Commission and the Housing Board. He added that the Housing Board was very interested in the Green Building Program and Remodeling Guidelines and suggested that a presentation from Green Building would be appropriate.

Chair Basinger explained that there would be an order form available for ordering the Remodeling Guidelines in the Scottsdale magazine. He noted that it was felt that providing the document at Sol Fest as a handout was not an appropriate method to distribute the document. He added that the document was expensive to produce and that typically handouts tend to be discarded.

Discussion ensued as to the potential for utilizing CDs for the Indicators Report and a display at Sol Fest summarizing the Boards activities, members and accomplishments. It was decided to communicate with all city Board and Commission Members by E-mail requesting volunteers for EnviroKidsFest and Sol Fest.

#### 4. New Business

- Water Conservation Issues

Mr. Mansfield explained to the Board the valley wide effort to promote drought awareness. He referred to newspaper and video materials by valley cities and APS and SRP. Mr. Mansfield welcomed a partnership with the EQAB in promoting drought awareness strategies and water conservation issues. Vice Chair Manthe, Board Members Munson and Spector offered to serve on a subcommittee to work with Mr. Mansfield.

- Storm Water BMP Information

Mr. Courtney reported on the March 4 kick off for the Storm Water BMP Program. He noted that all of the markers would be tracked with a GPS system, with creation of an electronic database. He went on to acknowledge the many people who helped in the project. He also advised that the program had acquired a parks utility vehicle from the city, which had been refurbished and painted to advertise the program. There was discussion as to community outreach advertising the program. Mr. Courtney commented that it would require continuing efforts to promote the program. Vice Chair Manthe suggested a public service announcement and Board Member Spector stated that he would be happy to help formulate an out reach plan. Board Member Cohen suggested the presence

of the parks vehicle at Sol Fest at one of the city booths as a means of publicizing the program.

Mr. Courtney presented BMP markers to each of the Board Members in appreciation of their efforts on behalf of the program.

5. Standing Committee Reports

- Green Building Report

Chair Basinger reported that the Green Building Committee had its retreat on March 9, and noted that the meeting was productive and yielded new ideas for the Committee.

6. Updates and Reminders

- Board Member discussion of environmental topics.

Mr. Person stated that Valley Forward had just released its annual environmental report card. He explained that 18 valley cities and communities are graded in five categories. He noted that Scottsdale did well, ranking only below Phoenix and Queen Creek. Board Member Spector suggested a press release from the Board congratulating the city on its environmental efforts.

Board Member Cohen expressed the gratitude of the Board for Chair Basinger's representation of the EQAB, and his presentation of the State of the Environment Report at the City Council meeting. Vice Chair Manthe echoed her sentiments.

Vice Chair Manthe reported on the most recent developments as far as the ESLO amendments. He noted that discussion at the last Planning Commission meeting had been lively and expressed a degree of frustration with the way the process has been handled procedurally. He stated that the Planning Commission would hold a special meeting on March 29 to prepare ESLO for consideration by City Council at its April 2 meeting. Discussion ensued as to any action to be taken by the Board. It was the consensus of the Board Members that it would be appropriate to await the outcome of the Planning Commission meeting and then develop a strategy at the next meeting.

Chair Basinger announced that the next Green Building Lecture Series would be held on April 1, and would highlight "Water in the

Sonoran Desert.” He added that the Solar Lecture on Energy Resources would take place on March 18.

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for 4/21/04

6) Adjournment

On motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Swanberg  
Court Reporter